

The Romulus News

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Timely Tidbits ...

Choir/Dance/Drama Students Seek Support

Romulus High School is currently conducting a special fund-raiser for the choir, dance, and drama programs at Romulus High School and Middle School to assist in upgrading performance facilities and supporting student activities. Local residents are being contacted and asked to purchase items such as delicious frozen pizza, French-bread pizza, gourmet nuts, Amish-style fudge, durable trash bags, useful first-aid kits, and lifesaving fire extinguishers. All products will be delivered to your doorstep at no extra charge. For more information, call Judith Thompson-Barthwell at 941-2170, ext. 503.

EDS Submits Plans for Citrin Road Site

Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS) recently submitted copies of the proposed project site plan for its 15-acre Citrin Road property to the City of Romulus for review by both the Planning Commission and the Environmental Health Board. Also included in the packets were several other related documents, including a sectional detail diagram of the proposed deep-well and sections of the buildings; an engineering analysis of ordinance requirements involving environmental parameters; a landscaping plan and cross section; and a feasibility analysis.

"Over the past months, several citizens have questioned why we had never submitted a site plan to the City," said EDS vice-president Austin Marshall. "Unfortunately, we were unable to complete a site plan because, until about six weeks ago, the City had not responded to our September 1995 request for vital data regarding existing water and sewer lines near the site. As soon as we received the necessary information, we did our best to complete the plans and submit them in a timely manner." □

Craft Fair Benefits RHS Class of 1998

Members of Romulus High School's Class of 1998 are hard at work making last-minute preparations for their latest class fund-raiser, a "Fall Festival Craft Show," which will be held at the High School (located at 9650 South Wayne Road, just north of I-94) in the cafeteria on Saturday, September 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

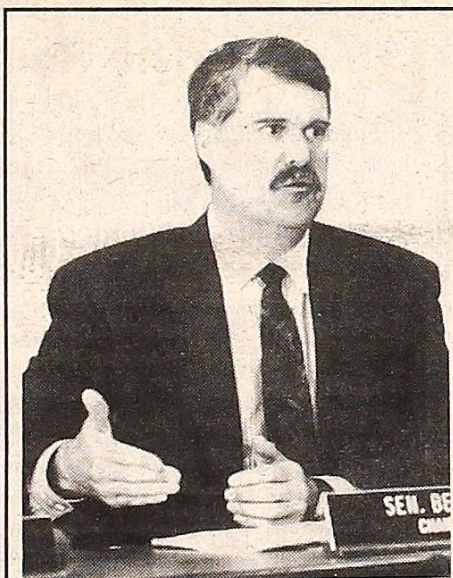
Everyone is encouraged to support the students' efforts by attending the event, which will feature baked goods and concession food as well as an enormous variety of arts and crafts items for sale.

Table space (\$25) is still available for crafters who would like to participate. For more information, or to register, please contact Mrs. Rosalie Berlinn (941-2170, ext. 161) or Mrs. Kathy Hurst (941-2170, ext. 809). □



Rosalie Berlinn (seated, center) helps RHS's "Class of 1998" officers plan their fund-raising affair. Pictured are (standing, from left) Amber Long, Mary Moore, Signora Armstrong, Bupé Mulenga, and Patrice Carter; and (seated) Lloyd Ellis and Delores McKinney.

DEQ Director Harding Applauds Bennett



Bennett was praised for his work on environmental reform.

Michigan's environmental health is improving and the outlook for the future is bright, according to a report recently presented to the Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee by Russell Harding, director of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

Harding pointed out three major legislative changes which he believes have contributed significantly to the improvement in Michigan's environmental status.

Those changes included:

- returning fairness to liability (holding responsible only the party causing the contamination),
- the adoption of Risk-Based Corrective Action standards (prioritizing the cleanup of leaking underground storage tanks based upon level of toxicity and rate of exposure), and
- instituting the environmental audit privilege (providing incentives for businesses to perform environmental audits to promptly report and correct violations).

This year, due to changes in the liability laws related to contaminated property, Michigan has been able to remove 197 sites from the inventory of environmental contamination. Harding stated that 20 of 33 municipalities surveyed have reported an increase in the redevelopment of brownfield properties, while another nine municipalities experienced increased interest as a direct result of these changes. In addition, the State realized a 70% to 80% savings for taxpayers, totaling \$13 million, and a 50% reduction in site reclamation costs.

Through the use of the Risk-Based Corrective Action standards, the DEQ has achieved closure on 1,122 leaking underground storage tank (LUST) sites in 1996. This is double the highest number of closures achieved in any year between 1991 and 1995, and it has



Michigan DEQ director Harding reported to Bennett's committee.

been achieved without the State's MUSTFA (Michigan Underground Storage Tank Financial Assurance) program, which used to pay for such cleanups. The costs for cleanup were reduced by 24%, an average savings of \$39,000 per site.

Harding said that, while the number of self-audits being conducted is unknown, his department has received feedback that common violations are being discovered and corrected, such as storage of too much solvent on-site

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The Editor's Opinion

Dialogue Needed To Explore Options

The tremendous turnout of concerned citizens at a meeting about the proposed PCB landfill in Belleville has served to deepen my disappointment in the apathy that Romulus residents continue to show concerning the City's ongoing battle to prevent Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), from operating one or more injection wells within the City limits.

That's because, during the entire six-year period since EDS first came to Romulus with its project proposal, not one meeting on the subject has generated anywhere near the same interest or attendance.

I realize, of course, that part of the difference in public interest is probably related to the enormous contrast between the potential dangers posed by two such disparate facilities. After all, taking pollutants that are known to accumulate in animal tissue, with resultant pathogenic and teratogenic effects, and disposing of them above ground, where they could leak into our drinking-water supply, is a far cry from injecting highly diluted wastes almost a mile underground, where thousands of feet of impermeable rock separate the waste from sources of drinking water.

Still, anytime there is a suspicion that a proposed facility has the potential for making a negative impact on the environmental health of a community, it should be considered with a healthy skepticism, and residents and government officials alike should do their best to learn as much as they can from a wide variety of legitimate sources who have the expertise to address issues of concern with some kind of credibility.

That's why I was particularly disappointed at the dismal turnout at recent meetings arranged by Great Lakes Corporate Resources, which put together a panel of *independent experts/*

representatives from such agencies as Michigan State University, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Michigan Department of Transportation, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the Michigan State Police Department, and Wayne County. These "task force" members met with local residents to discover their concerns, research hard-nosed answers to citizens' questions, and make recommendations concerning areas not fully addressed by the current permitting process so that citizens can hammer out a *legally enforceable agreement* with EDS to provide for added safety measures, instead of leaving matters in the hands of the courts, and therefore having no control over any aspect of the project in the highly likely event that it does begin operation.

I know that "the well issue" is an old subject, and that many of you are bored with it. But ignoring this potentially costly crisis in our city will not make it go away. Whether you favor settlement with EDS or a continued effort to try to prevent the company from operating in our city, I urge each of you to attend future meetings where intelligent, responsible dialogue could help all of us gain a better understanding of the various options open to us, and the consequences which could result from pursuing them. □

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What We Have in Common

By Clark Durant, president, Michigan Board of Education

Wow, did we strike a nerve.

"Bible values are tools in plot to kill public schools," smacks one headline. "Character education . . . a stark necessity in a nation where kids run wild? or a move toward church-run public schools," begins a news account of last month's Board meeting.

The State Board of Education started this conversation by discussing a resolution on character education. It encourages but does not require Michigan public school boards, administrators, and teachers to involve families and communities in different ways of promoting good character, citizenship, and values in the schools. Certain columnists and cartoonists notwithstanding, the Board has received positive support from parents, teachers, and other citizens.

The State Board of Education raises the issue of character education because we have lost what used to be a common understanding: education is a moral undertaking. As Theodore Roosevelt said, "To educate in mind and not morals is to educate a menace to society." We are also losing sight of our uniquely American character and are dividing ourselves into a bevy of balkanized groups.

While many teachers valiantly work to promote good character in their classrooms, others teach (sometimes unwittingly) a moral relativism. Good citizenship, strong communities, and excellent performance require of us all a common understanding of good character and our American ideas.

Whenever the words virtue, morality, character, truth, or even right and wrong are raised in public schools, there are those who ask, "So, whose values, or whose truth, do you want to teach in schools?"

Are there no virtues upon which we as Americans, living at the edge of the twenty-first century in the most free and prosperous society in the history of humankind, can possibly agree? Have

we forgotten that, as a people, we began our experiment in freedom recognizing certain self-evident truths?

Attributes of character which make freedom and a good life possible are integrity, wisdom, a sense of justice, courage, self discipline, humility, and a capacity to forgive and to be forgiven, to love the good, and to avoid evil. Keep commitments. Learn from mistakes. Seek what is true. Do what is right. Reject envy. Seek to meet needs of others. Take responsibility. Possess a discerning heart and a teachable spirit. Work hard. Pursue excellence.

Character education is not a trend, a fad, or a curriculum to buy. Character is primarily taught by example, foremost in the home; but moral teaching can result from reading good literature, which broadens our moral imagination and brings abstract principles to life. This literature can come from many cultures . . . and, yes, even Abraham, Moses, Esther, Ruth, and other stories from the Hebrew Bible can be read legally in a public-school classroom to discuss the lives and moral teaching of many great men and women.

On a cultural and political level, G. Mennen Williams, Michigan's longest-serving Democrat Governor, observed in his first inaugural address in 1949 that the very foundation of our Western democracies is rooted in the teachings of Moses and Jesus. In Abraham Lincoln's short but poignant second inaugural address (delivered a few weeks before an assassin's bullet brought his life to an end), he suggests a profound cause of the Civil War and a framework for binding up the Nation's wounds. He draws meaning from the Bible in Matthew's book twice, David once, and closes with the central idea of the first chapter of James's letter to the twelve tribes scattered among the nations. Agree or disagree, as a matter of academic.

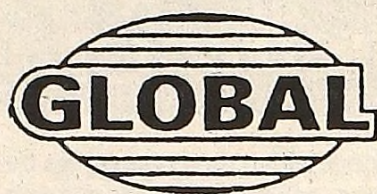
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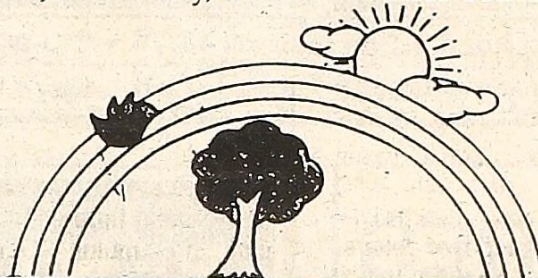
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HARDING PRAISES BENNETT

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and improper labeling of drums. Thus far, the DEQ has received two voluntary disclosures since the enactment of the legislation in March, and has also received inquiries from others interested in voluntary disclosure.

Harding had high praise for Senator Loren Bennett (R-Canton Township), the Committee's chairman, who initiated many recent changes in Michigan's environmental policy. Said Harding, "As a result of Senator Bennett's leadership, Michigan continues to make significant gains in environmental protection and enhancement. He has brought common sense to our environmental cleanup laws, which are accelerating cleanups and brownfield redevelopment, and also saving taxpayer dollars. In addition, we are closing more LUST cases than ever before."

Added Bennett, "There had been much skepticism about how well these new methods would work. I am grateful that my Senate colleagues had the confidence to support me in moving these measures forward. Not only are we creating a cleaner, healthier Michigan, but, due to our success, Illinois, Minnesota, and Washington are all considering similar legislation. If we could get the Federal government to measure our success and adjust its policies as well, we would have a much cleaner America." □

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Szlinis Hosts Ice-cream Social



Adults and children alike were amazed at the cunning tricks performed by this magician at an ice-cream social hosted by Judge Szlinis.

A nice crowd of children, families, and friends were able to get their fill of ice-cream sundaes on Tuesday, August 27, when they gathered to meet Judge William J. Szlinis at Romulus Historical Park.

Highlighting the event was a magician who entertained the crowd with tricks that seemed to confound the adults more than the kids.

"This is the part of campaigning that I really enjoy: meeting citizens of the community in a fun, relaxed setting," said Szlinis, who is seeking reelection to the 34th District Court against challenger/local attorney Brian A. Oakley.

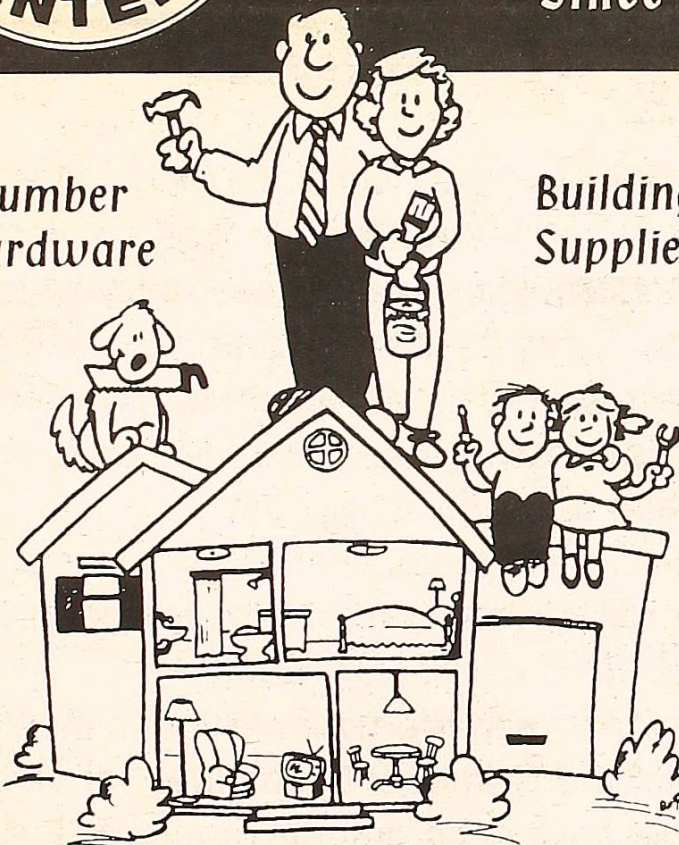
Szlinis will also host a Spaghetti "Fun"-raiser at the Romulus VFW Hall (39270 Huron River Drive) on Saturday, October 12, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. □



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Gibson Manning Seeks Judgeship

Sheila Gibson Manning of Romulus is off and running as a candidate for Judge in the Wayne County Third Circuit Court. "I believe in Wayne County and I have a commitment to the community," she says.

Gibson Manning—who, for the past eight years, has worked as an assistant general counsel for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, and who also served four years as a prosecutor and assistant corporation counsel for the City of Detroit—has already won several endorsements from labor, political organizations, and PACs, including the UAW-CAP; Metro Detroit AFL-CIO; Detroit Building Trades Council; 11th, 13th, and 16th Congressional District Democratic Party Organizations; Metro Wayne, Inkster, and Westland Democratic Clubs; Wayne County Women's Political Caucus; and Wayne County and Michigan chapters of NOW.

She is also a member of numerous bar associations, including the State Bar of Michigan Committee on Trial Court Administration, which has been following and critiquing court reorganization legislation in Lansing. "The most recent twist that has come out of that legislation, in addition to the abolition of Records Court, is the restructuring of the 36th District Court," she explains. "There are plans to abolish the State judicial council, which funds Records, the Third Circuit (Wayne County), and the 36th District Courts. The question then becomes: Where will the funding



Sheila Gibson Manning (photo: Monica Morgan Photography)

come from? The State Bar Trial Court Administration Committee will be keeping a watchful eye on this issue as it develops."

She says that, when elected, she will treat all who come before her with respect, and give them the opportunity to be heard. "I will be an open-minded judge who will use common sense."

The 38-year-old Gibson Manning—daughter of Dr. George and Peggy Gibson of Detroit—resides in Romulus with her husband, Michael D. Manning. She's a graduate of the University of Michigan and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, and is currently active in a number of community, civic, and professional organizations. □

Romulus Community Schools Compact Stresses Parental Involvement in the Education Process

*By Phyllis Adkins, Chairperson,
Romulus Compact Committee*

Following literally hundreds of hours of work by community representatives, the Romulus Compact Committee has created an innovative new method for improving the various educational opportunities afforded to Romulus Community Schools students.

The Committee was formed by Romulus parents, business leaders, clergy, alumni, Board of Education members, and teachers in order to develop an agreement which clearly defines the roles and responsibilities of the teachers, parents, and students involved in the educational process.

The Committee drew upon a wide variety of resources in creating the compact agreement, including sample compacts that are now in use in Boston and California. The philosophies of the national network for Goals 2000 were also closely considered. All of the resources which were utilized stress the importance of more parental involvement in the education of their children.

Following presentation of the compact to the Romulus School Board, the City administration, and the community at large, the compact has been received with support and enthusiasm regarding its use in Romulus schools.

The compact is indicative of how we, as a community, are continuing to move forward to



make Romulus a quality place for our kids to go to school and learn. Our intent as a committee is an honorable one, as is the legacy which we want to leave to our children. By using the compact as a tool, our teachers, parents, and students can work together as a team to ensure a brighter future for our youth.

The Committee has also developed a video which will air on cable television/channel 43 through September 20, 1996.

Anyone interested in involving himself/herself with the Compact Committee, or who has any questions or comments regarding the compact, may contact the Romulus School District's administrative office by calling 941-1600.

Romulus Community Schools Board of Education and Staff

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NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1996

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that registrations will be taken at the Secretary of State Branch Offices, or in the Office of the City Clerk, Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan between the hours of:

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Each person registering must possess the following qualifications:

1. Must be a citizen of the United States.
2. Must be 18 years of age on or before November 5, 1996.
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- Judges of the Circuit Court – 3rd Judicial Circuit, Partial Term (Incumbent Positions – Vote 2)
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Public notice is hereby given as provided for in Section 168.653a of the Michigan Election Law, as amended.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Service Learning Off to Great Start



By Kathy Hurst, coordinator, Project SERVE

At 8:30 a.m. on August 21, 1996, 30 high-school students, school-district personnel, and community representatives from Romulus High School (RHS) loaded a bus and headed for Camp Tamarack in Ortonville, Michigan. The camp experience was possible due to a Federally funded Learn and SERVE America grant which our school district has received for the past three years.

Camp outcomes have increased with each passing year of grant funding. While at camp this year, students were involved in adventure challenge initiatives which are geared to promote teaming skills, trust in others, and courage. At the same time, structured activities were provided at the camp for the students to practice their skills. During one of the activities, students were handicapped for one hour of their free time. Students were blindfolded, had one of their hands tied behind their back, or their feet tied together. During this experience, students learned that, in situations beyond your control, you have to have trust in others; that teamwork is necessary; and that challenges can be difficult (this camp was not handicap accessible). Students worked in teams to brainstorm ideas of what makes a group strong as well as what breaks a group down. A service project was planned for fall implementation.

As a result of our SERVE grant, RHS has become a leader in student-driven symposia in southeastern Michigan. The topic for the 1996-1997 school year is "Health." During our annual three-day retreat held at Camp Tamarack, the students began to develop outcomes and skills necessary for a project of this sort. Throughout the school year, students will hear speakers, work with mentors, attend meetings, and participate in activities to prepare them for their symposium presentations. The symposium is a day-long event; each session at the symposium is student driven. Each year, we host 10 students from 20 high schools in the Monroe, Wayne, and Washtenaw counties. In

June 1995, the Romulus School District entered its Domestic Violence Symposium in the National Service Fair for America in Washington, D.C. Thirty-three states were represented; Romulus was proud to bring back to the State of Michigan one of the first-place awards.

We work hard to make our best even better. Romulus is developing strong leadership in the State of Michigan. Scott Smith, Class of 1996, was recently selected to serve as the student representative on the Michigan Community Service Commission Board, and is in his third year as a member of the Michigan Youth Progressive Action Council. Class of 1992 student, Andrea Brown, recently completed a term serving on President Clinton's Council for National Service. On September 3, junior Amber Long received notification of her acceptance to the Michigan Youth Progressive Action Council. Seniors Ameerah Khalifa and Yoruba Mitchell received \$4,200 in scholarship funding to attend a month-long residential camp with High Scope Educational Research Institute in Clinton, Michigan. We are proud of all our students who serve to make our world a better place.

Community members, businesses, agencies, and clubs that would like to become a part of the Project SERVE office should contact Kathy Hurst at (313) 941-2170, extension 809. □

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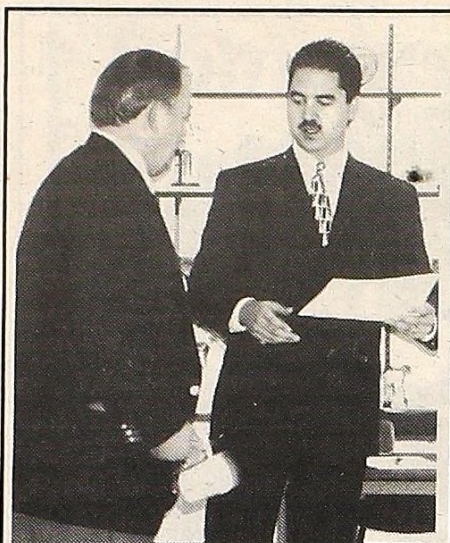
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Volunteers Recognized



Local attorney Brian A. Oakley (right) receives his "honorary senior volunteer" mug from his dad, Mayor William Oakley.

A special awards breakfast held at the Romulus Senior Center on Monday, September 9, honored more than 40 men and women who have generously given of their time to perform volunteer service at the Center.

"These wonderful people are the main ingredient in our recipe for success here at the Center," boasts Senior Programs coordinator Linda Norman.

Serving as "master of ceremonies" for the event was local attorney Brian A. Oakley, who was also recognized as an

"honorary senior volunteer" for his continuing work at the Center, where he donates two afternoons a month to provide seniors with free legal counseling.

Earning special mention as recipients of the "Lifetime Life-style of Volunteering" were Ruth Carter and Margaret Maciejewski.

Receiving "Romulus Volunteers Give from the Heart" pins for 100+ hours of service were Bill Lavin, Hal Riedeman, Joe Scibilia, and Dolores Wands.

Those who earned "Romulus Volunteers Give from the Heart" mugs for 50+ hours of volunteer work were Dorothy Federspiel, Eileen James, Dorothy Lutze, Ruth McGoldrich, Virginia Payne, Dorothy Snyder, Sylvia Dubisky, and Madeline Yeary.

Others who received certificates in recognition of their various volunteer efforts were Dolores Bajorek, Thelma Ballard, Gertrude Block, Lois Blutner, Blanche Bogotski, Blondell Butler, Theresa Chadwick, Laura Chesno, Geneva Clark, Floyd Collins, Darlene Darnell, Clara Drogos, Marge Felenchek, Donna Genovese, Dorothy "Dot" Icenogle, Earl Kadau, Lois Kadau, Ilene Kelly, Clarice Kranick, Myra Kreyger, Bettye Martin, Hilda McLaughlin, Edith McLeod, Jackie Mills, Louis Mitchell, Patricia Moore, Grace Nehra, Mildred Qualls, Louise Shropshire, Velma Sumner, and Vi Willoughby. □



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Community Calendar

- **Free Soccer Clinic** – Local resident/professional soccer player John Thiede will host a free soccer clinic for children ages five and up from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 21, behind the Romulus Recreation building. To preregister (by September 18), call 942-6852.
- **Recreation Programs** – The Romulus Recreation Department is still accepting registration for the following fall programs for youths: preschool "movement" (motor skills), cheerleading, gymnastics, dance (jazz, ballet, and tap), karate, and after-school recreation. In addition, a variety of drop-in and one-day programs are being offered for youths and adults. For more information, call 942-6852.
- **Preschool Storytime at the Library** – "All About Animals" will be the theme of the Romulus Public Library's fall storytime program for preschoolers, which begins the week of September 24/26 and runs through October 29/31. Children ages three to five who are ready for independent listening, but are not yet in kindergarten, are invited to attend one of two weekly sessions: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. or Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. The programs are free, but space is limited, so early registration is encouraged. For more information, contact Shelley DeLano, Youth Services librarian, at 942-7589 during the Library's regular hours (Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Friday, 12 to 5 p.m.).
- **Holiday Cheer in Cyberspace** – AAA Michigan invites State residents to enter its annual nonalcoholic drink contest by submitting one of your favorite nonalcoholic drink recipes (cannot contain any alcohol or flavor extract with alcohol) under a new name which reflects this year's "cyberspace" theme – something like "Apple Cyber," "Delete Delight," "Space Bar Surprise," or "Mighty Mouse Mix." Entrants (age 16 or older) should send neatly typed or printed entries (including name, address, daytime phone number, drink name, ingredients, and mixing instructions) to "Zero-Proof Mix-Off" at AAA's e-mail address – pr@aaamich.com – or mail address – AAA Michigan Public Relations, 1 Auto Club Drive, Dearborn, MI 48126. Deadline for entry is September 19.
- **Cooking Demo Benefits Hungry** – Learn low-fat tips from local chefs during Weight Watchers' Healthy Cooking Series, and help feed the hungry in the process! Admission to either of the following cooking demonstrations (held at Weight Watchers International Headquarters, 28555 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills) is a bag of nonperishable groceries: "Ed Janos, Ritz-Carlton chef, shares his presentation secrets" (October 3, 6:30 p.m.) and "Lorraine Platman of Sweet Lorraine's cafes presents her low-fat creation" (October 10, 6:30 p.m.). For reservations, call 1-800-487-4777, ext. 236, weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Church Rummage Sale** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston) will hold a rummage sale on Friday, September 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, September 21 (Bag Day), from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 753-9048.
- **Rummage/Bake Sale** – Whispering Willows Senior-citizen Apartments (located at 11100 Wayne Road, across from Romulus City Hall) will hold a rummage/bake sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, October 4, and Saturday, October 5, *inside the building*. This annual event has become a favorite of local bargain-hunters of all ages because of the large variety of items to choose from.

To place information in the Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (Note: For further information about events at the Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Rummage/Bake Sale

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More Baked Goods

Still another opportunity to satisfy your sweet-tooth will come on Friday, October 11, when the Romulus Senior Center's Club #1 hosts a bake sale to raise funds for its treasury. Be sure to drop by the Center between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to pick up a few extra goodies.

Lunch with Seniors ... by Seniors ... for Seniors

Volunteers at the Romulus Senior Center invite the public to stop in at the Center between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. (while supplies last) on Friday, October 11, to enjoy a luncheon featuring a select menu of modestly priced soup, salad, sandwich, and dessert fare.

This once-a-month program – besides providing a pleasant excuse to get together with old and new friends – is a fund-raising project for volunteer activities.

Potluck

The Romulus Senior Center's superbly skillful chefs will be putting the "most" in mostaccioli at this month's potluck, to be held at the Center on Friday, September 20, at 2 p.m. As always, you're invited to sign up at the Center if you'd like to bring a dish and bring a friend.

Working It Out

The Romulus Senior Center's twice-weekly exercise program – held each Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. – features light routines designed to increase flexibility and improve strength and tone.

The Center recommends that all participants wear comfortable clothing, and urges anyone unused to physical exertion to consult a physician before joining the class.

Weekly Programs

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); euchre (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); bingo (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); knitting, crocheting, and canvas needlepoint (Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.); pinochle (Thursdays at 1 p.m.); and/or quilting (Thursdays at 7 p.m.).

Hot Lunch

For just \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Center any weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call the Center at least 24 hours in advance for a reservation.

Home delivery of meals is also available for qualified individuals. For more information, call 1-800-851-1454.

Flu Shots

Senior citizens can prepare for the upcoming flu season by getting their flu shot at the Romulus Senior Center on Monday, September 30, at 1 p.m. Medicare will be accepted from those who subscribe; others will pay just \$15.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852.

- **Kewadin Casinos** – For those who love to try their luck! The \$80 cost (based on double-occupancy rates) of this two-day/one-night outing, which departs October 18, covers round-trip motorcoach transportation; one night's deluxe accommodation at the Ojibway Hotel, overlooking Sault Ste. Marie's Soo Locks; and \$40 cash back from the casino.
- **Hello, Hawaii!** – Have you always dreamed of vacationing in beautiful, romantic Hawaii? Well, here's your chance to plan ahead and make that dream come true! The \$1,749 cost (based on double-occupancy rates) of this 15-day/four-island trip can be paid in \$100-per-month installments, since the date of departure (March 31, 1998) is about 18 months away. And if you're afraid of making such a big commitment concerning something so far in the future, don't be; refunds will be available until 45 days prior to departure.

Interested in learning more? Be sure to attend the information meeting to be held at the Center at 2 p.m. on Monday, October 7 – which is also the deadline for payment of the first \$100 installment. □

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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democratic and political integrity to form thoughtful judgments, we need to explore these understandings and their sources, and then determine what, if any, relevance they have for us today in what we do and how we understand our history, culture, and moral foundations.

Religious liberty and tolerance of our great diversity and deepest differences are a cornerstone of the American idea. It makes America, as James Billington, the Librarian of Congress, observed, "a country that has historically added without subtracting."

Yet Billington urges us to explore more deeply the roots of our common and distinctive heritage so that, paradoxically, we might better understand the resurgent cultural diversity throughout the world. "The bridges to other

cultures will not be solid unless they begin with casements that are sunk deep into one's own native ground. And all the branches of our learning will die if they are cut off from their roots that lie deep in that ground." Billington, like Governor Williams and President Lincoln before, challenges us to explore that deeper ground of our heritage and our knowledge.

I invite all to join this discussion: in Lansing, Muskegon, Marquette, and Detroit; across the State; at home; in the public square; in veterans' halls; in barber shops; on our playing fields; in schools; on radio talk shows; and in print. Drop us a note with your thoughts. It is a conversation long overdue.

Editor's note: Comments may be addressed to Mr. Durant at P.O. Box 30008, Lansing, MI 48909. □

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SPECIAL MEETING, AUGUST 28, 1996

The Special Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Wednesday, August 28, 1996 was called to order by President Kenneth E. Berlinn at 6:18 P.M.

Roll call showed all Members present. All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kenneth E. Berlinn.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

8/96/27 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Committee Report Update on Management Initiative

The following administrators updated the Board of Education on the various committees: Arthur McPharlin - Technology; Daniel Hurst - Outcomes and Assessment; Michael Teasdale - Climate; Earl Cornett - Preschool; Phyllis Adkins - Compact; and Andrea Williams - Empowerment.

ADJOURNMENT:

8/96/28 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard J. Kesner, Secretary, Romulus Board of Education

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REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 26, 1996

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, August 26, 1996 was called to order by President Kenneth E. Berlinn at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed Member Langley absent (excused). All Administrators were present. Mrs. Sandra F. Langley entered the meeting at 7:33 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kenneth E. Berlinn.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

8/96/12 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Gondek to approve the Agenda as submitted. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

8/96/13 Moved by Gondek supported by Lenossi to approve the Minutes of August 12, 1996 as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, recommended the following personnel actions for Board approval. RETIREMENT: William Babcock, Teacher, August 1, 1996. EMPLOYMENT: Kirsten Fairchild, English Teacher, Senior High School, Effective September 3, 1996; Caryn Curcio, English Teacher, Senior High School, Effective September 3, 1996; Serena Fraser, English Teacher, Senior High School, Effective September 3, 1996; and Thomas Patterson, Science Teacher, Middle School, Effective September 3, 1996.

8/96/14 Moved by Kesner supported by Gondek to approve the retirement of William Babcock, Teacher, Effective August 1, 1996. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

8/96/15 Moved by Woods supported by Langley to approve the employment of Kirsten Fairchild, Effective September 3, 1996. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

8/96/16 Moved by Gondek supported by Langley to approve the employment of Serena Fraser, Effective September 3, 1996. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

8/96/17 Moved by Gondek supported by Lenossi to approve the employment of Thomas Patterson, Effective September 3, 1996. Ayes: 4. Nays: 3 (Gondek, Oleszkowicz, and Langley). Motion carried.

8/96/18 Moved by Kesner supported by Gondek to approve the Retirement Resolution in recognition of years of service to the Romulus Community Schools for Jan Haynes. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

8/96/19 Moved by Langley supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the Retirement Resolution in recognition of years of service to the Romulus Community Schools for Harry Willnus. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, submitted the Bills for Payment for Board approval.

8/96/20 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Lenossi to approve the Bills for Payment as submitted. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Compact Video Presentation

Ms. Phyllis Adkins presented the new Compact Video to the Board of Education and responded to their comments and questions.

Report for Judy Thompson-Barthwell

Ms. Judy Thompson-Barthwell was present, and reported to the Board on the successful musical *Annie* and outlined her plans for another program next spring.

Bible Club Request

6/96/21 Moved by Gondek supported by Woods to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve Boys and Girls Bible Club programs after school as per the attached.

6/96/22 Moved by Gondek supported by Langley to table the request for the Boys and Girls Bible Club Programs. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Cafeteria Milk Bids

6/96/23 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Gondek that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Cafeteria Manager and award the milk bid to Tom Davis & Son for the 1996-97 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Cafeteria Bread Bids

6/96/24 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Cafeteria Manager and award the bread bid to Holsum Way Bakery for the 1996-97 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

MASB Election

No action was taken.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Mrs. Theresa Blizman expressed her appreciation for the new chairs at Barth School.

Mr. Jim Orme stated that the Romulus Education Association needed a contract.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items with the Board of Education: 1) Gifted Talented Timeline; 2) McPharlin Letter to WCRESA; 3) North Central Timeline; 4) Apology to Phyllis Adkins; 5) Choice Survey Results; 6) Elementary Tech Mentor Position; 7) Ed Clark - Memo to Students; and 8) Finance Committee Minutes.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mr. Michael Woods stated that he was working very hard to increase counselors and the athletic program (9th grade).

Mr. Howard Kesner stated that we need a REA contract.

Mrs. Julie Oleszkowicz requested a job description for counselors.

Mrs. Betty Lenossi suggested that we use the public access channel to display the school calendar and other important dates.

Mrs. Sandra Langley requested that the Board sponsor the Red October Run that would benefit the Oakwood Annapolis Domestic Violence Programming.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

8/96/25 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Langley to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:43 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:50 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

8/96/26 Moved by Woods supported by Lenossi that the Board adjourn. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 9:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard J. Kesner, Secretary, Romulus Board of Education

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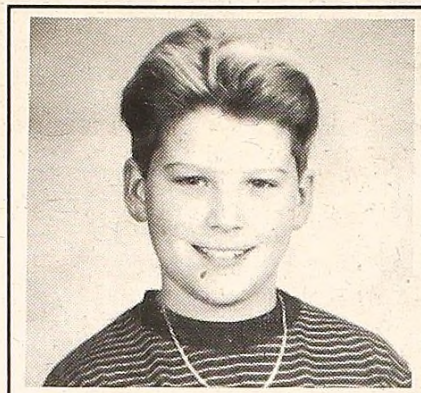
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Best Wishes for a Happy 1st Birthday

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**Chelsea Marie
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Brother Josh,
Grandpa & Grandma Shellman
(Bernie and Barb),
and Grandpa & Grandma Gilbert
(Bert and Delores)



Wedding Bells

Julie Howell/Michael Tracy

We are pleased to announce the August 17, 1996 wedding of Julie Howell and Michael Tracy.

The bride is a 1985 graduate of Nichols High School in Summersville, West Virginia, and is the UPC manager at Wal-Mart in South Carolina.

The groom is a 1984 graduate of Romulus High School in Romulus, Michigan, and is a senior airman in the United States Air Force.

The new couple, along with their daughters, Tiffany and Amanda, make their home in Dalzell, South Carolina.

The bride's parents are Sue Goodman of South Carolina and Vernon Howell of West Virginia.

The groom's parents are Mardele Tracy and the late Michael L. Tracy of Romulus, Michigan. □



**Congratulations to newlyweds
Julie and Mike Tracy, who were
married on August 17, 1996.**

Obituaries

Milton McGuff

Milton McGuff of Romulus, Michigan, died on Saturday, September 15, 1996. He was 51 years old.

The Ford Motor Company employee was born in Ravenna, Ohio, on January 9, 1945, and married Stella Jeanette Taylor in Dearborn, Michigan, on July 25, 1975.

Surviving Milton are his wife; two sons, Jeffrey D. and Alex McGuff; his mother, Mollie Lee (McElroy) McGuff; one brother, Jimmey Dean McGuff; and two sisters, Mildred and Mrs. John (Annie) Gibson. Preceding him in death were one daughter, Connie, and one son, Mark.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, September 18, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Brother Lamar Matthews (Church of Christ, Ecorse, MI) and Brother Larry Bartlett (Prayer Baptist Church, Wayne, MI) officiating. Burial will be at Romulus Cemetery.

Memorial tributes may be made to any charitable organization.

Clayton Powell

Clayton Bond Powell of Romulus, Michigan, died on Sunday, September 8, 1996, at the age of 81.

Clayton—who was born in Fruitland, Tennessee, on February 22, 1915—married his wife Christine in Detroit, Michigan, on December 24, 1948. The General Motors-Hydrumatic retiree was also a member of the United Auto Workers (UAW).

Surviving Clayton are his wife; one son, Randall C. Powell; one daughter, Sharon L. Powell; one brother, Franklin Powell; and three sisters, Mrs. Martha Poston, Mrs. John (Sarah) Cleek, and Mrs. Harold (Eveleyn) Shivers. He was predeceased by two sisters, Mrs. Joe (Gladys) Powell and Mrs. Ed (Rebecca) Presson.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, September 11, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Marvin Hawbaker (Calvary Baptist Church, Romulus, MI) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Cemetery.

Memorial tributes may be made to any charitable organization.

Rodney Rakotz

Rodney G. "Rocky" Rakotz of New Boston, Michigan, died on Saturday, September 14, 1996. He was 37 years old.

Anative of Trenton, Michigan, Rocky was born on September 27, 1958, and was employed at the N. A. Mans Building Center in New Boston.

He is survived by his father, Eugene H. Rakotz (New Boston, MI); his mother, Claudette (Delano) Rakotz (New Boston, MI); one brother, Larry L. Rakotz (Warren, MI); one sister, Mrs. Jeff (Cindy) Giese (Southgate, MI); and two grandparents, Mrs. Ann Rakotz (Romulus, MI) and Mrs. Agnes DeLano (Huron Township, MI).

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, September 17, at St. Stephen Catholic Church (New Boston, MI), with Father Alexander Wytrwal officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made in the form of mass cards, or to any charitable organization.

Mary Wilkinson

Mary E. Wilkinson of Romulus, Michigan, died on Saturday, August 31, 1996. She was 75 years old.

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, on March 16, 1921, Mary was the widow of the late Kenneth E. Wilkinson.

She is survived by two sons, John R. (Pleasantville, NJ) and Michael C. Smith (Romulus, MI); one daughter, Ms. Elise A. Johnson (Detroit, MI); and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday, September 5, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI), with Father Michael Malawy officiating. Burial was at Romulus Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home.

Memorial tributes may be made to either the Ostomy Association or the American Diabetes Association. □

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